

BUILDING A LEGAL ARSENAL TO DEFEND CLIENTS

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State Court Administrative Office
Child Welfare Services Division
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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Representing parents in child protective proceedings requires specialized knowledge of child welfare law and procedure. This full-day training provides participants with knowledge, skills, and techniques that will leave them well-equipped to effectively advocate for their clients. Topics will include: Preserving Issues for Appeal, Understanding the Rules of Evidence, Case Law/Statute Updates - Issues to Watch, and group analysis and problem solving. In addition to learning through substantive instruction, participants will have the opportunity to participate in workgroup discussions about issues specific to their current cases.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Attorneys representing parents in child protective proceedings.

AGENDA

8:30-9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00-10:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introduction The Importance of Effective Trial Advocacy in Cases with Constitutional Implications: Practical Tips for Effective Advocacy <i>Karen Phillips, Nichols Law Firm, East Lansing</i>
10:00-10:45 a.m.	Preserving Issues for Appeal <i>Elizabeth Warner, Attorney, Jackson</i> <i>Liisa Speaker, Speaker Law Firm, PLLC, Lansing</i>
10:45-11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00-11:45 a.m.	Best Practices for Representing Non Respondent Parents in Child Protective Proceedings: Advocacy based on common themes and challenges <i>Vivek Sankaran, Director, Detroit Center for Family Advocacy; and Assistant Clinical Professor of Law, The University of Michigan Law School</i> <i>Tracy Green, Managing Attorney, Detroit Center for Family Advocacy</i>
11:45 a.m.-Noon	The Latest Changes in Law Affecting Families <i>Vivek Sankaran, Director, Detroit Center for Family Advocacy; and Assistant Clinical Professor of Law, The University of Michigan Law School</i>
Noon-1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Practical Impact of Medical Marijuana on Child Welfare Cases: Tips for advising clients <i>Mary Chartier, Alane and Chartier, PLC, Lansing</i>
2:00-2:15 p.m.	Break
2:15-3:45 p.m.	From Emergency Removals to Post Judgment Motions: a Moderated Panel and Group Discussion on Issues That Impact Your Cases Moderator: <i>Jodi Latuszek, Management Analyst, Child Welfare Services, State Court Administrative Office</i> Facilitators: <i>Tracy Green, Managing Attorney, Detroit Center for Family Advocacy</i> <i>Vivek Sankaran, Director, Detroit Center for Family Advocacy; and Assistant Clinical Professor of Law, The University of Michigan Law School</i> <i>Elizabeth Warner, Attorney, Jackson</i>
3:45 p.m.	Closing Comments, Adjourn

TRAINING COSTS

THERE IS NO REGISTRATION FEE FOR THIS TRAINING. The training is generously funded by the Michigan Court Improvement Plan. Training materials and a lunch will be provided. **Travel, meals other than lunch, and lodging expenses are the responsibility of the participant.**

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. However, there may be some exceptions to ensure geographic diversity and participation across professions. ***Due to space limitations, restrictions have been placed on the number of individuals per agency and discipline who may attend this training. Registration will not guarantee attendance.***

A confirmation notice will be sent to you approximately two weeks before the training. If you have not received a confirmation by February 15, 2013, contact Heather Leidi at 517-373-5322 or LeidiH@courts.mi.gov.

LODGING INFORMATION

A limited block of overnight rooms has been reserved at the Courtyard Marriott Detroit Livonia for February 21, 2013, at a rate of \$79 per night for single-occupancy lodging. This block of rooms will be released back to the hotel after February 7, 2013, so please make your reservation early. We cannot guarantee these rates after the February 7 deadline. **Please note:** You are responsible for your lodging expenses.

Courtyard Marriott Detroit Livonia: To make your reservations at the Courtyard Marriott Detroit Livonia call 734-462-2000 and reference “Michigan Hall of Justice SCAO Training Room Block” to ensure that you receive the reduced rate. The Courtyard Marriott Detroit Livonia is located at **17200 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia, MI 48152**. Directions can be found at the following websites:

Site Map: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/detlv-courtyard-detroit-livonia/>

MapQuest: www.mapquest.com

TRAINING REGISTRATION

Online Registration: [Click here](#)

OR

Follow the steps below:

- 1) Go to the Child Welfare Services webpage:
<http://www.courts.michigan.gov/administration/scao/officesprograms/cws/childwelfareservicestraining/pages/default.aspx>
- 2) Select: “CWS Programs”
- 3) Select: “Schedule of Upcoming Programs”
- 4) Select: “Building a Legal Arsenal to Defend Clients”
- 5) Click: “Register” and complete the form

Please use **Internet Explorer** as your browser when registering for this training. If you have problems registering, please contact Heather Leidi at LeidiH@courts.mi.gov or 517-373-5322.

You should submit your registration as soon as possible to increase the likelihood that your registration will be confirmed. Your registration is a commitment to attend the entire portion of the training for which you register. Please do not register to attend this training unless you have scheduling flexibility and have received the necessary authorization to attend.

If you need to cancel after you have been confirmed to attend this training, please contact Heather Leidi at LeidiH@courts.mi.gov or 517-373-5322 as soon as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made. On-site registration is **not** available.